### ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS - 1986

Board of directors:

D.A.G. Simon - Chairman

S.J. Ahearne M.T. Bentley

Dr. J.G. St. C. Buchanan

R.F. Chase I.G.S. Hartigan A.P. Ravenscroft

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 1986.

The company, which is based in the UK, is engaged internationally in oil trading, chemicals and plastics, gas and coal and related financing. It also provides services to other group companies and holds investments in subsidiary companies engaged in similar activities.

#### Financial Review

The profit for the year was £1,083 million. Interim dividends of £653 million were paid in respect of 1986. The balance of retained profit at 31 December 1986 of £717 million is being carried forward.

#### Review of Activities

Throughout the year, market conditions for oil trading were highly volatile. Within this environment, trading income benefited in particular from the collapse in prices in the first part of the year.

In the aviation sector, the first half year results, particularly those of Europe and North America, benefited from the steep fall in product costs while in the latter half year, competitive pressures intensified as prices stabilised and margins returned to normal levels. Both fuel and lubricants sales benefited from falling product costs in the first half year. By contrast, fuels profitability was adversely affected by the rise in costs and the resultant uncertainty over the rest of the year. However, both falling costs and a steadying in rebating continued to favour lubricants sales for the rest of 1986.

The chemicals and plastics trading results showed a marked improvement over the previous year with a reduction in the operating loss of £32m. Turnover fell as the reduction in oil prices influenced the prices of many chemical products. Margins were, however, substantially higher throughout 1986 as a result of lower feedstock costs and firmer product demand. This improvement in margins was the main element in the reduction of the loss for 1986. Benefits were also gained from the weakening of sterling against other European currencies.



#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

### Subsequent Event

On 1 April 1987, BP North America Inc. (BPNA), a subsidiary company, commenced a cash offer, which was subsequently amended and supplemented, to acquire any and all of the outstanding shares of common stock of The Standard Oil Company not already owned by the company.

The offer by BPNA for \$71.50 net per share expired on 12 May, 1987. As of that date, shares representing approximately 40% of the common stock and common stock equivalents of Standard Cil had been tendered.

The company transferred the shares constituting its present common stock or equivalent 55.4% ownership of Standard Oil to BPNA on 23 June, 1987 in exchange for additional shares in that company.

#### Directors

The present directors of the company are listed on the previous page. Dr. J.G. St. C. Buchanan and Mr. A.P. Ravenscroft were directors throughout the financial year. Mr. E.J.P. Browne and Mr. R.B. Horton resigned on 7 April 1986, Mr. T.J. Bramley resigned on 21 May 1986 and Mr. C.P. King resigned on 19 August 1986. Mr. R.F. Chase and Mr. D.A.G. Simon were appointed on 7 April 1986, Mr. M.T. Bentley was appointed on 21 May 1986, Mr. S.J. Ahearne was appointed on 19 August 1986 and Mr. I.G.S. Hartigan was appointed on 6 February 1987. In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr. S.J. Ahearne and Mr. I.G.S. Hartigan now retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The interests of the directors holding office at 31 December 1986 other than a director of the ultimate holding company, and their families in the shares of The British Petroleum Company p.l.c., were as set out below:-

	Type of Share	l January 1986 or date of appointment	31 December 1986
S.J. Ahearne M.T. Bentley J.G. St. C. Buchanar R.F. Chase A.P. Ravenscroft	25p ordinary	1,504 1,874 1,004 975	1,357 1,874 1,155 975
W. L. Kavenscrott	25p ordinary	4,341	5.225

None of the above had any interest in shares or debentures of subsidiary companies of The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. at 31 December 1986.

#### Auditors

Ernst & Whinney have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and in accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985 a resolution proposing their reappointment as auditors of the company will be put to the members at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Board

R.C. GRAYSON Secretary

Britannic House, Moor Lane, London, EC2Y 9BU. 22 July, 1987

### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the accounts of BP International Limited set out on pages 4 to 18. These have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Our audit has been carried out in accordance with approved auditing standards.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31 December 1986 and of the profit and source and application of funds for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

ERNST & WHINNEY

Chartered Accountants London

22 July, 1987

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1986

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1986</u> £m	<u>1985</u> £m
TURNOVER	2	8,364	14,724
Cost of sales		8,068	14,549
Gross profit		296	175
Distribution expenses		127	141
Administration expenses		156	129
		13	(95)
Other income	3	1,422	1,022
OPERATING PROFIT	2	1,435	927
Interest and other similar charges	4	87	86
Provision against amounts due from and fellow subsidiary companies	subsidiary com	panies 97	123
Debts due from subsidiary and fello companies written off less amount provided.		103	-
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	6	1,148	718
Taxation	7	65	163
PROFIT AFTER TAXATIO		1,083	555
Extraordinary items	8	•••	3
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		1,083	558 ======
RET	AINED PROFIT		
Retained profit at 1 January		287	279
Profit for the year		1,083	558
Interim dividends		653	550
RETAINED PROFIT AT 31 DECEMBER		717	287

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### BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1986

		<u>Note</u>	<u>1986</u> £m	<u>1985</u> £m
FIXED ASSETS				
Intangible assets Tangible assets Investments		9 10 11	15 415 963	15 381 734
CURRENT ASSETS			1,393	1,130
Stocks Debtors Investments Cash at bank and in ha	nd	12 13 14	136 2,995 200 204	225 3,423 47 309
CREDITORS - amounts falling within one year	due	15	3,535	4,626
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			400	622
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT L	IABILITIES		993	508
CREDITORS - amounts falling after more than one year		15	98	43
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES . Deferred taxation	AND CHARGES	7	177	177
SHAREHOLDERS' INTEREST			718	288
Represented by:				
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called up share capital Profit and loss account		16	717	287 ———
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### SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1986

FINANCIAL MOVEMENTS:-  Finance debt - decrease			1986	1985
EXTRAORDINARY items	SOUR	CE OF FUNDS	r.m	£m
Book amount of fixed assets sold and transferred			1,083	_
APPLICATION OF FUNDS  Interim dividends				-
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Interim dividends			1,2/3	700
Capital expenditure   350   75	APPL	ICATION OF FUNDS		
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#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 1. Accounting policies

- (a) The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.
- (b) Group accounts are not submitted as the company is wholly-owned by The British Petroleum Company p.l.c.. Income of related companies is dealt with in the accounts of the ultimate holding company and only dividend income received is reflected in the company's accounts. Dividend income from subsidiaries, both received and receivable is reflected in the company's accounts. Provisions are made against accumulated losses of subsidiary and related companies where it is considered that such losses will not be extinguished in the foreseeable future.
- (c) Depreciation on tangible fixed assets and patents and trade marks is calculated on the straight line method over their estimated useful lives.
- (d) Coal exploration expenditure is accounted in accordance with the successful efforts method. Such expenditure is initially classified as an intangible fixed asset. When commercially exploitable reserves of coal are determined the relevant expenditure is transferred to tangible production assets. All coal exploration expenditure determined as unsuccessful is charged against profit for the year.
- (e) Stocks of oil, chemicals and plastics are valued at cost including overheads, using the first-in first-out method or at net realisable value, whichever is the lower. Stores are stated at or below cost calculated mainly using the average method.
- (f) Assets and liabilities of foreign currency branches are translated into sterling at closing rates of exchange and profit and loss accounts are translated at average rates of exchange.

  All exchange gains or losses on settlement or translation at closing rates of exchange of monetary assets and liabilities are included in the determination of profit for the year.
- (g) Expenditure on research is written off in the year in which it is incurred.
- (h) Deferred taxation is calculated using the liability method. Provision is made where timing differences are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

## MOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

2. Turnover comprises sales proceeds excluding customs duties and sales taxes, all of which falls within the UK geographic area.

Activity analysis:	·	1986		1985
	Turnover	Operating profit/ (loss) before tax	Turnover	Operating profit/ (loss) before tax
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Oil trading Chemicals and plastics Gas Corporate Other Less: intra-company sa	254 - 1	88 (1) (4) 1,293 59	13,413 1,122 399 7 (217)	(77) (33) (7) 942 102
	8,364	1,435	14,724	927

Corporate includes the management and financial activities of Head Office.

#### 3. Other income

	<u>1986</u> £m	1985 £m
Subsidiary companies Dividends Other interest and miscellaneous income	1,262 96	768 205
	1,358	973
Dividends from related companies	1	-
Interest from fellow subsidiary companies	17	17
Other interest and miscellaneous income	46	32
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	1,422	1,022

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 4. Interest and other similar charges

	<u>1986</u> £m	<u>1985</u> £m
Interest expense		
Non-group loans wholly repayable		
within 5 years	25	16
Group and fellow subsidiary loans	58	43
	_	
	83	59
Charge payable to BP Capital p.l.c.	4	27
	87	86
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The charge payable to BP Capital p.l.c. arises under a factoring agreement in respect of certain of the company's debtors.

#### 5. Directors

Directors of the company are a managing director or senior executives of The British Petroleum Company p.1.c. in whose accounts information required by the Companies Act 1985, as to emoluments, is shown.

6. Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

Na-wadahian	<u>1986</u> £m	<u>1985</u> £m
Depreciation	83	106
Hire of plant and machinery	18	14

Auditors' remuneration amounted to £407,000 (1985 £401,000).

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

#### 7. Taxation

United Kingdom corporation tax	<u>1986</u> £m	<u>1985</u> £m
Current at 36.25% (41.25%) Overseas taxation relief	273 (232)	266 (167)
Deferred taxation at 35%	41	99 42
Overseas taxation	41 24	141 22
Charge for the year	65	163
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United Kingdom taxation - the company is a member of a group for the purposes of group relief under Section 258 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

Having regard to the group tax position in respect of non-North Sea activities, £91 million (1985 £99 million) has been provided for UK corporation tax at 36.25% (1985 41.25%) after taking account of overseas taxation relief attributable to this company. No provision has been made for deferred taxation (1985 £42 million at 35%) in the accounts of this company for the current year. The amounts provided in respect of deferred taxation and the gross potential liability at 31 December 1986 in respect of the group's non-North Sea activities are £177 million and £285 million respectively (1985 £177 million and £292 million).

The corporation tax liability of this company, which has been included in the above amounts, is partially covered by double taxation relief. The benefit of underlying overseas taxation available under Section 506 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 has been included in the overseas taxation relief but not included in the overseas taxation charge.

The gross potential liability of this company for deferred taxation at 31 December 1986 comprises tax at 35% (1985 35%) in respect of:-

	<u>1986</u>	<u> 1985</u>
	£m	£m
Depreciation	98	98
Other items	(14)	14
	84	112
	===	===

Advance corporation tax of £25 million (1985 mil) has not been deducted from the potential amounts of deferred taxation. This item is included in debtors - taxation recoverable.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

#### 8. Extraordinary items

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		_	3
Tax credit relating to extraordinary items	(ii)	-	30
Chemicals closure and reorganisation costs	(i)	_	(27)
		£m	£m

#### Notes

- (i) Chemicals closure and reorganisation costs are shown after deducting relief for UK corporation tax of £6 million.
- (ii) The tax credit arises in respect of non-North Sea UK corporation tax relief on extraordinary items relating to UK subsidiary and fellow subsidiary companies charged in their accounts.

#### 9. Intangible assets

Cost	Coal exploration	Patents & trade marks	Total
	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January 1986 Additions Group transfer	11 1 (12)	21 4 -	32 5 (12)
At 31 December 1986		25	25
Depreciation			
At 1 January 1986 Charge for the year Group transfer	11 1 (12)	6 4 	17 5 (12)
At 31 December 1986	-	10	10
Net book amount			
At 31 December 1986	-	15	15
At 31 Desember 1985	-	15	15
Principal rates of depreciation	100%	20%	

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

10. Tangible assets
Property, plant and equipment

	Chemicals and plastics	other businesses	s Corporate	Assets under construct	ion Total
Cost	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January 198		7	172	26	818
Acquisitions	23	-	<b>-</b>		23
Additions	9	_	35	69	113
Reclassification		1	12	(25)	
Deletions	(44)	(1)	(11)		(56) 
At 31 December 1	1986 613	7	208	70	898
Depreciation					
At 1 January 198	361	4	72	-	437
Acquisitions	16	-	-	-	16
Charge for the y		1	31	-	78
Deletions	(42)	(1)	(5)	-	(48)
At 31 December 1		4	98	-	483
Net book amount At 31 December 1		3	110	70	415
At 31 December J		3	100	26	381
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Principal rates of depreciation	5-20%	5-20%	10-25%		
Included with above	assets:	Capit	alised inter		ehold
		Cost	Depreciation	_	and
		£m	£m	£m	£m
At 31 December 1	.986	7	3	4	2
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At 31 December 1	.985	/ =====	<i>L</i> :========	•	3 =

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 11. Investments

	Subsidiary companies shares	Related companies shares	Other Loans	Total
Cost	£m	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January 1986 Additions	704 228	30 -	4	734 232
At 31 December 198	36 932 ========	30	4	966
Amounts provided				
At 1 January 1986 Provided in the ye	- ear 1	<u>-</u>	_ 2	- 3
At 31 December 198	6 1	-	2	3
Net book amount				
At 31 December 198	6 931	30 ========	2 =========	963
At 31 December 198	5 704	30 =======		734 ======

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

## 11. Investments (continued)

In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of shares in and amounts owing from the company's subsidiaries is not less than the amounts at which these are shown in the balance sheet.

The more important subsidiary companies of the group as at 31 December 1986 and the group percentage of equity share capital (to the nearest whole number) are set out below:-

	%	Country of incorporation	Principal activities
(a) Held by this company			
Arcadian Holdings	100	New Zealand	11-1-11
BP Capital	100		Holding Company
BP Chemicals International	100	England	Finance
BP Coal		England	Chemicals
	100	England	Coal production and marketing
BP Exploration	100	Scotland	Exploration and production
BP Gas International	100	England	Natural gas and LPG
BP North America	99	U.S.A.	Halding same LPG
BP Nutrition	100	England	Holding company
BP 0il	100	_	Nutrition
	100	England	Refining and marketing
BP Oil International	100	England	Integrated oil operations
Bristol Composite Materials	100	England	Manufacturing
British Petroleum BV	100	Netherlands	Holding company
The Standard Oil Company	55	U.S.A.	Integrated oil,
			coal, chemicals and minerals operations

The company transferred the shares constituting its present common stock or equivalent 55.4% ownership of The Standard Oil Company to BP North America on 23 June, 1987 in exchange for additional shares in that company.

#### (b) Held by subsidiary companies

BP Alaska Exploration	100	U.S.A.	Exploration and
BP Chemicals	100	England	production Chemicals Marketing Oil trading and marketing
BP Maatschappij Nederland	100	Netherlands	
BP North America Petroleum	100	U.S.A.	

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

## 11. Investments (continued)

BP (0il Exploration) Company New Zealand	100	New Zealand	Dec. 1
BP Oil New Zealand BP Petroleum Development	100 100	New Zealand England	Exploration and production Marketing Exploration and
BP Pipelines British Petroleum	100	U.S.A.	production Pipeline compan
Raffinaderij Nederland Europa Oil NZ Hendrix International Ncordzee Selection Purina Mills	100 100 100 100 100	Netherlands New Zealand Netherlands Netherlands U.S.A.	Refining Marketing Nutrition Natural gas Nutrition

A complete list of investments in subsidiary companies will be attached to the company's annual return made to the Registrar of Companies.

The related companies of the company at 31 December 1986 and the percentage of equity share capital held (to the nearest whole number) are set out below:-

	×	Country of incorporation	Principal activity
Cesbra Administracao E Participacoes	49	Brazil England Hong Kong England England England	Minerals
Combustion Systems	50		Consultancy
County Securities Asia	25		Finance
Southwood Heights Management	33		Administration
The Consolidated Petroleum Company	50		Marketing
Trefoil Petroleum	33		Non trading

The investments in subsidiary and related companies are almost entirely unlisted.

#### 12. Stocks

	<u>1986</u> £m	1985 Em
Stocks of oil	44	101
Stocks of chemicals and plastics	69	105
Stores	23	19
	136	225
	===	===
Replacement cost of stocks and stores	146 ===	241

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

#### 13. Debtors

			1986		1985	
		Within Year	l After : Year	l Within Year	l After l	
	Trade	f.m	£m	£m	£m	
		320	1	4		
	Subsidiary companies	_	534	652	1	
	Fellow subsidiary companies	716	17	1,146	802	
	Related companies Prepayments and accrued income	<del></del>		652 23	100	
	Taxation recoverable	78	1	9		
	Other	25	_	_	~	
		35 ————	2	37	1	
14.	Current	2,440	555 ≃====	2,519	904	
	Current assets - investments		<del>_</del>	======	=====	
		<u>19:</u>			.85 £m	
	Unlisted	24				
<b>.</b>		20	-		47	
15.	Creditors	<del></del>		==		
		198	6	198	35	
		Within 1 Year	After 1 Year	Within 1 Year	After 1 Year	
		£m	£m	£m	£m	
	Finance debt - bank loans					
	and overdrafts	144	55	280		
	Trade	389	_	832	_	
I	Subsidiary companies Holding and fellow subsidiary companies (including 1986 interim	1,561	-	1,195	-	
	dividend)	1,383	43	1 004		
R	elated companies	•	75	1,934 17	43	
T.	axation on profits	322	_	257	-	
Α. Λ	ccruals and deferred income ther	44		38	_	
Ü	cuei	92	-	73	-	
		3,935	98	4,626		

Included in finance debts are £43 million (1985 nil) payable after 5 years. Included in amounts due to holding and fellow subsidiary companies are £43 million 12% debentures redeemable 31 December 2007 (1985 £43 million).

The company has borrowing facilities available amounting to £1,142 million (1985 £1,262 million) none of which had been taken up at 31 December 1986.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

## 16. Called up share capital

Authorised, allotted and fully paid	<u>1986</u> £m	<u>1985</u> £m
1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1 ==	1

## 17. Capital commitments

Authorised future capital expenditure is estimated at £275 million (1985 £152 million) including approximately £76 million (1985 £28 million) for which contracts have been placed.

### 18. Contingent liabilities

There were contingent liabilities at 31 December 1986 in respect of guarantees and indemnities entered into as part of, and claims arising from, the ordinary course of the company's business, upon which no material losses are likely to arise.

A claim originally quantified at \$108 million, but subsequently unquantified except to the extent of some \$44 million in respect of expenditure allegedly incurred on remedial work up to mid-1986, has been brought by Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Company Limited, a group related company, against the company and two other companies also involved in the design and construction, claiming damages in respect of losses which are alleged to have arisen from the construction of a liquified natural gas plant on Das Island. The claim is considered by the company to be excessive and the action is being actively defended by all the defendants. It is not possible at this stage to estimate what, if any, liability will fall upon the company.

The company, along with other companies, has been served with a writ by Transnor (Bermuda) Limited alleging violation of US anti-trust laws and claiming approximately \$261 million. The company considers the claim to be without merit and is seeking dismissal of the action.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 19. Leases

Operating lease rentals:

Plant and machinery Land and buildings	<u>1986</u> £m	<u>1985</u> £m
	18 3	14 4
		<del></del>
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Annual commitments under operating leases:

	<u>1986</u>			<u>198</u>	<u>1985</u>	
	Land and buildings	Other		Land and	Other	
	£m	£m		buildings £m	£m	
Expiring within 1 year				<b></b>	T.III	
2 to 5 years		_ 1			_	
Thereafter	3	_		- 3	-	
	3 ==	1		3	_	
Net commitments		==		==	==	
Net commitments under		3:	<u> 1986</u>		1985	
Minimum future lease par Payable within	ayments		£m		£m	
l year 2 to 5 years			1		7	
Thereafter			3 3		1 2 3	
			J		3	
Y			•		<del></del>	
Less finance charges			7 2		6 3	
Not comed					_	
Net commitments			5		3	
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<sup>20.</sup> The ultimate holding company is The British Petroleum Company p.l.c., a company incorporated in England.